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March 13, 1989

Honorable William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 1989 asking that the assessment requested by the FY 1989 intelligence authorization conferees concerning the collection of narcotics-related intelligence be deferred until June 1, 1989. The Committee has no objection to this delay. The Committee understands that the intelligence community is unable at this time to project future antidrug strategies or programs that will be developed in conjunction with the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. However, the Committee does wish to receive expeditiously a description of what antidrug collection and counternarcotics activities currently are being conducted by elements of the national intelligence community and has been told that such information has been compiled. The Committee can use this information for its review of the fiscal year 1990-91 budget request and to better understand information that will be provided in your June 1 submission.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Anthony C. Beilenson]
ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN
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cc: Senator David Boren

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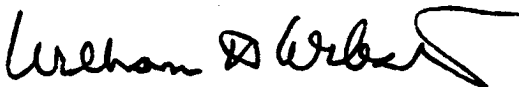
Honorable Anthony C. Bellenson
Chairman, House Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1989 (HR 4387) requires the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense provide, by 1 March 1989, an assessment of the drug intelligence and target development information requirements, the impact on the intelligence community elements for supporting such requirements, and, a management plan for the tasking, collecting, exploiting and rapidly disseminating information in support of the target development and drug interdiction processes.

The Department of Defense is presently working with the intelligence community and law enforcement agencies to design a comprehensive intelligence strategy based on our assessment of existing interdiction strategies. The strategy devised must be in consonance with the overall anti-drug strategy of the recently nominated Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Because strategy development is in its preliminary stages, a detailed assessment of the drug intelligence infrastructure is unavailable at this time. We expect to provide a detailed assessment by 1 June 1989 of our progress toward integrating the Department of Defense plan with the overall anti-drug strategy.

Sincerely,



William H. Webster
Director of Central
Intelligence



William H. Taft, IV
Deputy Secretary of Defense

CC: CHAIRMAN, HAC REP MURTHA

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